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Kazuya FUKUHARA, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2825
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Application No.: 10/673,427) Examiner: Unknown
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Filed: September 30, 2003)
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For: PHOTOMASK DESIGNING METHOD,)
PATTERN PREDICTING METHOD AND)
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-SB-08. Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. This IDS supplements the IDSs filed on September 30, 2003 and May 6, 2004.

Applicants attach copies of the listed documents. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

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Rejection in First Examination,” mailed in a counterpart foreign application, citing and setting forth the relevance of the non-English documents. An English language translation of the Taiwanese Patent Office Action is also enclosed.

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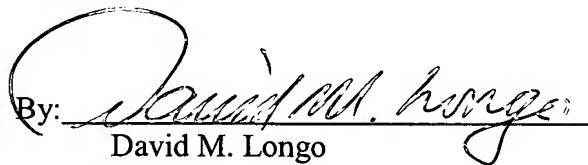
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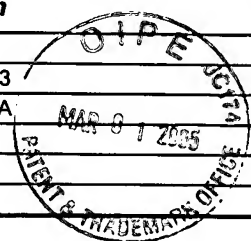
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